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## Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Georgia Selected for Colonel

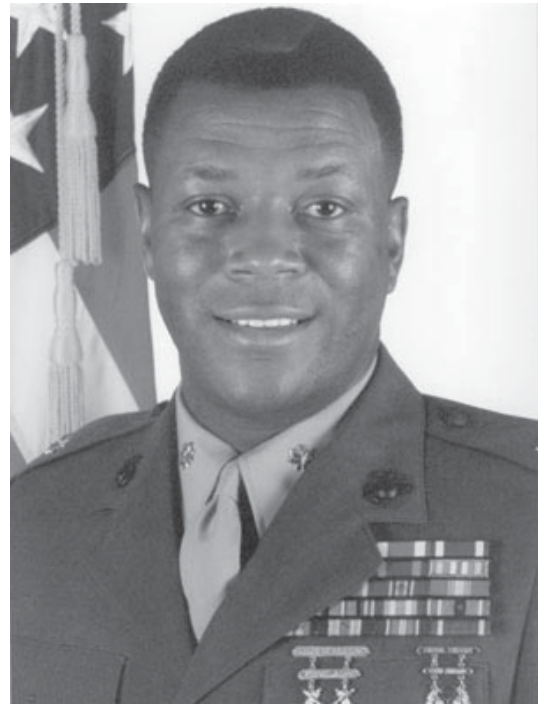
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LtCol Charles Thompson, United States Marine Corps, Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Georgia (DDAG) has been selected for rank of Colonel, USMC.

LtCol Thompson assumed command of DDAG in June 2000. He is currently leading DDAG through the challenges of A-76 competition.

LtCol Thompson states, “As you are aware, each new day brings a myriad of challenges for a commander and his or her staff, some challenges scheduled, but most come from ‘left field’ and require sound judgment, patience, and good leadership. More specifically, I would have to say that my biggest challenge so far has been the coordination and execution of multiple mission essential requirements with limited manpower resources. Our commitment to provide superb operational support to the warfighter and our Department of Defense (DoD) customers has been our endstate since day one. I am very pleased to say that we have successfully accomplished this enormous endeavor during our Army Preposition Afloat, Force Provider, and inventory management initiatives during the past 18 months. Our success is simply a reflection of our loyal and dedicated workforce who strive to do it right the first time—every time.”

LtCol Thompson adds, “The health, safety and well being of our employees are first and foremost. Successful mission accomplishment is both realistic and attainable. In light of our future A-76 announcement, my primary objective is to ensure that our employees are fully prepared to operate in a Most Efficient Organization (MEO) or contractor-managed environment and that every functional area of the command continues to operate under effective and efficient logistics processes as we continue execution of mission requirements.”



*Colonel (Select) Charles Thompson*

“My tour as the DDAG commander has been the absolute highlight of my 21-year career. The inherent responsibility of command, the trust and confidence of senior leadership and the opportunity to serve my workforce and our warfighters is truly a humbling experience,” states Lt Col Thompson.

Congratulations LtCol Thompson and Semper Fi!